Expansion of capacities of IDPL and HAL

2873. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what was the original installed capacity for Doxycycline, Erthromycine of IDPL and what was of Penicillin for both IDPL and HAL;

(b) when was the expansion in capacity made and at what cast;

(c) what was the value of plant and machinery installed for each drug and what are the additional amounts spent;

(d) How often the fresh strain taken in respect of Penicillin at what cost and the source of the strain; and

(e) by what percentage the production increased or the cost come down as a result of the adoption of the strain in regard to Penicillin?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) Information in respect of IDPL is given in the statement attached. (*See* below). Similar information in respect of HAL in regard to Penicillin is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) and (e) IDPL have stated that the cost of strain cannot be separately identified. The production increased from 130 MMU to 230 MMU.

Statement

Item	Original installed capacity	Expansion of Capacity		Gross Block (investment on Plant and Machinery) as on 31-3-1985
		When Expansion of capacity	Expanded capacity made	
				(Rs./Lakhs)
(i) Doxycycline	5 MT	—	—	115 02
(ii) Erythromycin	36 MT	—	—	205·48
(iii) Penicillin.	130 MMU	October, 1080	230 MMU	445.11

Poor quality of Vitamin B1 of IDPL

2874. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many complaints were received about the poor quality of Vitamin B1 supplied by IDPL;

(b) what action was taken in each case and what were the causes of such poor quality; and

(c) what steps have been taken to improve the quality of Vitamin B1 produced by IDPL?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) IDPL has reported that during 1987 and 1988 only one complaint was received by it and that after testing, the material was found to confirm to I.P. Standards.

(c) Production of Vitamin B1 is according to statutory specifications of I.P. and as such the question of further improvement in its quality does not arise.